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"Ideas" Pouring In... Three Chosen as Outstanding

Willie Hollis of Custodial Services Department.

Kim Kidd of Central Foods Facility.

John Beebe of Custodial Services Department.

Our Walt Disney World "I Have An Idea" program has been in full swing some three months now, and program coordinators term it a huge success! With March still not quite over, an activity report for January and February combined reflects their optimism . . .

Number Of Ideas Received:

January - 281
February - 143
Total - 424

Status Of Ideas Received:

Rejected - 208
Pending - 190
Accepted - 26

A general sampling of the ideas **accepted** for implementation include the following: That two bus shelters be fabricated and installed on the employee shuttle bus route at the Central Energy Plant and Central Foods Facility pickup locations. In mid-February, this idea was approved for design, estimate and construction next year.

Another cast member suggested that an Open House Tour of Central Foods Facility be conducted for employees' families. This was approved and dates have been set.

At the Village, signs were suggested stating their operating hours and location of the wheelchair ramp at Captain Jack's Oyster Bar. Both are being produced.

Each cast member having an idea accepted for implementation will be receiving a framed and matted certificate attesting to their contribution to our "I Have An Idea" program.

And from the 26 accepted ideas, three were chosen last week as **Outstanding Ideas.** They include:

• **Willie Hollis** of Custodial Services Department recognized a possible hazard and wrote in to the program explaining that he had been finding coat hangers hooked on the outside of a high voltage transformer in a locker room. Thanks to his sharp eye for possible danger, the transformer now has a strong screen guard welded across its face and "Danger - High Voltage" painted on it, so some unwary employee looking for a convenient place to hang clothing won't get the "shock of a life time."

• **Kim Kidd** of Central Foods Facility suggested that a wide angle rear view mirror be placed on Central Food's tunnel fork-lift. He felt that it would enable the driver to see behind the folk-lift and detect any potential mishaps when pulling a "train" of modular carts through the tunnels. The mirror is in the process of being installed.

• **John Beebe** of Custodial Services Department felt that there should be a laminated telephone directory, listing the most frequently called departments and offices, installed by each Company telephone in our backstage break areas. He felt that it would allow our PBX operators more time to service our guests. John's idea is currently being

The "Ideas" Committee meets periodically to review all material submitted to the program.

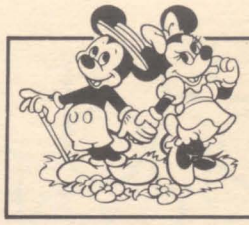
worked on with installation coming in the near future.

Our three **Outstanding Idea** recipients will be receiving a special plaque, invitation to an end-of-the-year "Ideas Banquet", the parking space of their choice anywhere on our property for one month, and $100 worth of Disney merchandise of their choice!

You too can become a winner in our "I Have An Idea" program. Just use one of our three media to submit your ideas:

- Fill out an "Idea" form and use the convenient Drop Boxes located everywhere, or
- Fill out an "Idea" form and send through the Inter-Office Mail, or . . .
- Call the "I Have An Idea" Hotline . . . extension 5050.

So turn on your creative thinking and get involved, because . . . **We Want You To Put Your Winning Ideas To Work!**



WITHIN OUR FAMILY

The **Disney University** has an immediate opening for a **Department Clerk Typist** who will function as a Receptionist.

Entertainment Division has two immediate openings, for a **Receptionist** and a **Department Clerk Typist.**

All interested applicants should contact **Allen Hancock** in the **Casting Department** at extension 4088 for further information.

BAKING BONANZA INFORMATION SESSION

A special information session will be held in the Cast Activities Lounge in the Center Building from 3 to 6 pm on Thursday, April 7.

Further details and clarification about the Baking Bonanza will be covered in this session. If you are interested in participating, you should plan to attend.

DISNEY RUNNER TAKES 1ST PLACE IN MARATHON RACE

In a lung-bursting, near sprint against the clock, Fantasyland Operations host **Dave Kowalske** crossed the finish line in the **St. Patrick's Marathon Race** with a record 21:45.7 (21 minutes and 45.7 seconds), nearly three minutes ahead of his closest rival. And following on his heels . . . but not very closely . . . was the rest of the field, made up of employees from Sea World, Circus World and Stars Hall of Fame.

Although billed as a "marathon" run . . . meaning a foot race of approximately 26 miles in field & track circles . . . our St. Patrick's Marathon of this past Saturday morning was more fun than run, with its course stretching out some four-miles along dirt roads between Sea World's back gate and Little Lake Bryan's parking lot.

The humidity was high, the sun was pushing the mercury up into the 80's and the roads were dusty when the starting gun was fired at 10:30 am. And in barely under an hour, the last runner was under the bright flags marking the finish line. All in all, the race was highly successful and is sure to mark the beginning of an annual event between local entertainment centers.

Dave Kowalske not only took overall top honors, but placed first in his division of **Men 24 Years & Younger.** The second runner to finish was **Rob Mitchell,** WDW, placing a first for his division of **Men 25 Through 39 Years,** as he posted a swift 24:26.1.

Other divisional winners included Pioneer Hall's **Holly Graves** who led the **Ladies Division** to the tape with a 30:44.8 and **Morris Rashy,** WDW, doing his famous "subway shuffle" across the finish in 29:35.5 for a first in **Men 40 Years & Over.**

After the last marathoner had finished and the times were computed, the top finalists were awarded special tee-shirts by Cast Activities Manager **Dave Jaskiewicz,** and all participants were awarded a unique "Certificate of Completion."

Special thanks go to **Thom Murphy, Dave Jaskiewicz** and the rest of the Cast Activities crew, **Bob Krisansky** from Sea World as Meet Starter, **Carole Clark** from Stars Hall of Fame as Clerk of the Course, and **Keith McCoil** from Circus World as Chief Recorder for the meet.

The Walt Disney World team.

Men 24 Years & Younger
Dave Kowlaske, WDW, 21:45.7
Reed Sawyer, WDW, 24:51.5
Merv Johnson, WDW, 25:25.0
John McCammack, WDW, 26:41.3
Andy Sokol, Circus World, 27:12.8
Ben Adams, WDW, 27:15.8
Tommy Jenkins, WDW, 28:12.5
Steve Cooper, WDW, 28:22.8
Gary Williams, WDW, 30:14.6
Steve Schaffer, WDW, 30:24.9
Danny O'Connell, Circus World, 32:00.0
Rich Walker, Sea World, 33:51.5
Steve Kynast, WDW, 35'04.8
Chris Lombardo, Sea World, 36:12.4

Men 25 Through 39 Years
Rob Mitchell, WDW, 24:26.1
Steve Lawrence, WDW, 25:05.3
Paul Eisenbrown, WDW, 25:52.6
Dennis Banks, WDW, 28:47.7
Lee Thomas, WDW, 28:54.7
Kenneth Kelly, WDW, 29:19.8
Dan Trausch, Sea World, 29:52.6
Rick Swisher, WDW, 29:59.7
Dan Storey, WDW, 31:39.8
John McSwain, WDW, 37:33.5
Vincent Totera, WDW, 43:01.2

Men 40 Years & Over
Morris Rashy, WDW, 29:35.5
Hank Schubert, WDW, 30:43.0
Vince Lucchese, WDW, 32:11.7
Ray Snoekstra, WDW, 32:58.5

Ladies Division
Holly Graves, WDW, 30:44.8
Deanne Dupont, WDW, 34:47.8
Susan Kynast, WDW, 46:57.7
Brenda Wilson, WDW, 52:35.4
Jan Senn, WDW, 57:52.4

1st place winner for the Ladies Division is **Holly Graves.**

Morris Rashy *said he learned how to run while living in New York and riding their infamous subways.*

Crossing the finish line as the winner is **Dave Kowalske,** *WDW.*

The girl's team included (l-r) **Brenda Wilson, Deanne DuPont, Jan Senn, Susan Kynast** *and* **Holly Graves.**

Receiving instructions on how to use an oxygen tank are the 40 Years & Over runners (l-r) **Hank Schubert, Vince Lucchese, Ray Snoekstra** *and* **Morris Rashy.**

Only 50 yards from the finish line after a flat-out run, **Brenda Wilson,** *WDW, passed out from heat exhaustion. After loading her aboard an ambulance, Reedy Creek paramedics drove under the finish tape, giving her 3rd place for Ladies Division.*

LITTLE LAKE BRYAN

With the advent of this great Spring weather, Cast Activities would like to remind all cast members that **Little Lake Bryan** . . . your employee facility . . . is available for **private parties.** Call Cast Activities at extension 4254 for more information.

GOOD HEALTH CONFERENCE HERE

Innovative ways to motivate Americans toward good health practices were explored in a conference here last weekend, co-sponsored by **Walt Disney Productions** and the **Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions.**

The two-day conference, entitled "Good Health in America: Challenge and Choice," brought together more than 60 representatives of health organizations, major industrial corporations, insurance companies, foundations, academic institutions and consumer product companies.

Dr. Steven Muller, President of Johns Hopkins, and **Card Walker,** President and Chief Executive Officer of Walt Disney Productions, said the two organizations were pooling the experience, resources and talent of the Disney organization in mass communications, and Johns Hopkins in health services, to search for ways in which health education systems can be used more productively to affect the lives of all Americans in a positive way.

"We are convinced that an imaginative health education program, effectively communicated, can improve health practices of countless Americans," conference leaders said.

Our effort is part of a larger commitment to accomplish **Walt Disney's** greatest dream . . . EPCOT. A similar EPCOT forum on energy and agriculture/food production was held last May at Walt Disney World.

"ARRIVE ALIVE ON 535"

"It was a beautiful ride back in 1905 in a horse and buggy on a Sunday drive . . . Even Bonnie and Clyde back in '25 would have taken I-4 instead of 535." And so sang **Saltwater Express** over local radio stations when we were campaigning for an improved **State Road 535** for employees coming to Walt Disney World.

Today, nearly six years later, SR 535 has long since been widened and repaved, but our slogan of **"Arrive Alive On 535"** still rings true . . . not only for our employee entrance road, but for Reams Road, Windermere Road, I-4 and all the rest in this area.

Yet, for all of the warning, accidents are still happening . . . and happening due to **driver carelessness!** "Almost every time it rains, our rescue units respond to some type of accident on our back access roads," reports Reedy Creek Fire Department Supervisor **Charles Poskey.** And this week has been no exception. Early one morning, in a light sprinkle, a cast member went zooming off down Reams Road, made it to the second turn past the employee entrance, and slid on the slick surface right into an oncoming car. Luckly, in this most recent accident, no one was injured. But two cars were demolished because one driver mixed **speed, rain** and a **curve.**

Remember, in Florida, when it rains . . . it pours! And that first light sprinkle will mix with the oils on the road's surface making it slick. So **slow down** . . . high speed on water was meant for water skiing on Lake Butler, not Chase Road!

Florida law states that the **maximum speed** on highways is **55 miles per hour,** which includes just about everything around Walt Disney World from SR 535 to I-4. Not only will excessive speed possibly get you in a head-on confrontation with Smokey . . . but it could get you in a head-on confrontation with a telephone pole!

SOCCER KICKING OFF

Team soccer is still in the starting stages at Little Lake Bryan. And at the top of the list of things to do is a working meeting set for this **Saturday, March 26,** to construct the goals. **Thom Murphy** of Cast Activities reports that the materials are now at the Lake, all that's needed is the "people-power" to put them together! You are invited to bring your family . . . and your tools . . . and get down to work this weekend. The working meeting will start when the Lake opens at 11 am.

Murph reports that the soccer leagues need some definite signs of employee support before proceeding further with planned activities, such as inviting up players from the champion **Tampa Bay Rowdies** for soccer clinics, a multi-team league of five-member teams playing "mini-soccer," and the future expansion to regulation 11-player teams. But they need your participation. You can start by attending the meeting Saturday!

SOFTBALL UNDERWAY

The sun finally came on strong, the grass on our softball fields began greening up, and the teams are out there slugging away! Many of the ball players have commented on the great job **Buena Vista Grounds Maintenance** did on the fields, with the general consensus being that we have just about the two finest, well-maintained diamonds in the area!

Last week's ball games topped out like this:

In **Monday Ladies' League,** the Jippers jipped Theme Park 18-13, and Transportation ran over Fort Wilderness 17-2.

In the **Tuesday Early League,** Finance checked out Marketing 11-2, and Cast Activities rode over Vista Telephone by a close 11-10.

Tuesday Late League action saw the Reapers on top of the Village 8-6, Theme Park Merchandise dunking Salmonella 9-6, Contemporary riding the Fubars 13-6, and Employee Relations took Crystal Palace in a big win of 40-2.

Wednesday League play put LBV Communities on top of the Custodial Stars 6-3, Fort Wilderness beat Transportation 18-4, and Liberty Square romped the Superballers 13-4.

In final, **Thursday League** play, Theme Park Maintenance bolted Bordens 14-10 in extra innings, Pinocchios took Theme Park Stock 11-8, and Reedy Creek Utilities went all the way over Space Mountain 11-8.

HOURLY/EXEC CLASSIC

We know that our annual **Hourly verses Executives Softball Classic** is still some three months away, but it's never too soon to start practicing . . . especially since the "old men" beat the Hourlies last year!

Just a reminder to all current softball team managers . . . you should begin asking your team players if they are interested in participating in this year's Classic, and if so, begin turning their names into Cast Activities. Managers may nominate themselves for the position of Hourly Team Manager. The deadline for turning in players' names is **Thursday, April 28,** at 4 pm. Call Cast Activities at extension 4254 for more information. And by the way, this year's Classic will be held in June.

RIVERBOAT GRAND OPENING UPDATE

Lake Buena Vista's new riverboat/restaurant complex . . . *The Empress Lilly* . . . is scheduled for a week of **grand opening celebrations** from **April 29** through **May 3.** Entertainment will last from noon until midnight, featuring a Dixieland Jazz Band on the Pottery Chalet Dock in the Village, another band on a pontoon boat in the Lagoon out front, and a Calliope on or next to *The Empress Lilly* herself.

Grand opening day will be **Sunday, May 1,** with the rest of that week reserved for invited VIP parties.

Entertainment on *The Empress Lilly* will include a three-piece band with singer and comedian performing a New Orleans type show in the **Baton Rouge Lounge,** a harpist in the **Empress Lounge,** and a strolling trio of musicians playing throughout the riverboat.

Although the grand opening celebrations are scheduled to begin April 29, it is expected that *The Empress Lilly* will drop her gangways for our guests before then. **EYES & EARS** will be there when she does open, even though any "shakedown cruise" prior to April 29 will not be advertised.

To The Cast:

Words cannot express the deep sense of pride and gratitude I have for everyone at Walt Disney World who so readily offered aid during my recent illness. Anticipating a fast recovery, I am eagerly looking forward to rejoining you as soon as possible.

My sincere thanks to all . . .

Joe Schimpf
Security Department

FLYING CLUB MEETING

The "Flying Grasshoppers", our high-flying cast members, invite all cast members interested in learning how to fly to their next meeting, set for **Thursday, March 31,** in the Cast Activities Lounge at 7:30 pm. This is a great club for learning the basics, not to mention one of the most economical methods in town!

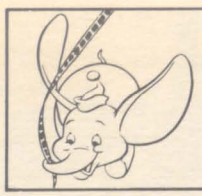
DOG OBEDIENCE CLASS SOON

A new series of our popular **Dog Obedience Classes** are set to begin **Thursday, April 7.** This first meeting, at 7 pm in the Cast Activities Lounge, is for **people only** . . . please don't bring your pets until the following meeting, set for Thursday, April 14.

The class will be a 10-week session, meeting Thursday evenings in The Center's parking lot. The cost is $10 per couple (owner and pupil). Your pet must be at least three months old to register.

The class is taught by **Sandy Neely,** who's been in the business of training and grooming dogs for 10 years. And she has been teaching our Dog Obedience Classes for quite some time now. Sandy stresses methods of patience and rewards in her classes. Grooming, diet and general health care are also covered. At the conclusion of the 10-week session, all graduating pets will be able to heel at your left side, sit, stay sitting, down stay, come to you at your voice command, and stand still for examination.

If you're dog is ready for an education, just attend the meeting on April 7 to register. And for additional information, contact Pat in Cast Activities at extension 4254.



FAMILY FILM FESTIVAL

Our next feature at the Family Film Festival will be Walt Disney Productions' most recent animated film, **"Robin Hood".** This remade classic tells the inside story of Robin Hood, but with one twist . . . all of the characters are animals! You'll visit with Mean Prince John, a scrawny lion ruler of the country side, and his chief advisor, Sir Hiss the Snake. As in the classic tale, they over-tax the poor peasants, until thwarted by Robin Hood, a fearless fox, and his side kick Little John.

This exciting Disney animated classic will be shown:

Friday, Apr. 1 - Pacific Room, 7 pm
Saturday, Apr. 2 - Pacific Room, 1 pm
Sunday, Apr. 3 - Pacific Room, 7 pm
Monday, Apr. 4 - Pacific Room, 7 pm
Tuesday, Apr. 5 - Pacific Room, 7 pm
Wednesday, Apr. 6 - Pacific Room, 7 pm
Thursday, Apr. 7 - Pacific Room, 7 pm
Friday, Apr. 8 - Pacific Room, 7 pm

Tickets will be available in Cast Activities beginning Monday, March 28. And as always, tickets are **free** to cast members and their immediate families. The Pacific Room is located on the 2nd floor of the Contemporary Resort.

DISCOUNTS

With the reopening of Fort Wilderness' **River Country,** many cast members have been asking if discount tickets are available. A quick check revealed that they are available at the following prices:

	Regular	WDW Employees
Adult (12 and over)	$4	$3
Child (3 through 11)	$3	$2

Employee discount tickets may be purchased at the following locations:

- Fantasyland Cash Control
- LBV Cash Control
- Cast Activities

For more information, call Cast Activities at extension 4254.

Now, with your Sea World **"Dolphin Club Card",** you can receive a **50¢ discount** on adult admission to the **Altamonte Springs Interstate 6 Theaters.** The discount is good for matinee and evening performances, however, it is not valid for "special engagements." You may pick up a "Dolphin Club Card" in Cast Activities . . . and there is no charge.

The Card will be also get you a discount at the following Florida AMC Theaters:

Daytona 6 - Daytona Beach
Merritt Square 6 - Merritt Island
Orange Park 5 - Orange Park

Call Cast Activities if you have any questions.

BOWLING TOURNAMENT CORRECTION

The Spring Mixed Bowling Tournament will be held the weekends of April 16-17 and 23-24 at the **Sky Bowl Lanes** on South Orange Blossom Trail.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Registration is now in progress at the **Disney University** for **Valencia Community College** Spring session classes . . . allowing you the opportunity to *Put Some "Class" In Your Life!*

Courses being offered at the Disney University include:

- **Introduction to Business** - Tuesday and Thursdays, 6 pm to 8:45 pm
- **Economics** - Monday and Wednesdays, 6 pm to 8:45 pm
- **Salesmanship** - Monday and Wednesdays, 6 pm to 8:45 pm

All Valencia classes will begin the week of **April 26,** lasting through the week of **June 16.**

To register, please stop by the Disney University, Monday through Friday, between 8:30 am and 5 pm. You must register prior to April 20 to attend one of these classes. For more information, please contact the Disney University at extension 4744.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Antique Car-1955 Chevey. Excellent challenge for handy mechanic. $350. Call 859-4817 or 855-2498.

1971 Super VW. AC, AM & FM Stereo, low mileage/new engine. One owner, good condition. $1495. Call 855-7437 after 6 pm.

1975 MGB. Dark green, 4 speed w/overdrive. AC, good condition. Call Mike or leave message after 7 pm at 293-1812.

1966 Rambler. Good transportation, 4 new tires, new battery, inspected until Oct. $195. 298-1175-Vinnie.

1973 Subaru-1400 DL. 2 door, sport coupe, four speed manual, front wheel drive. 48,000 local miles. $1,500. Call evenings 299-5943.

1975 Peugeot Diesel Station Wagon. 4 speed, 30+ mpg, air, Michelin Radial Tires, stereo radio. Only 7,000 miles. A 1977 costs over $10,000. Asking $7,500. 846-3897. Kissimmee.

1976 Firebird Formula 400. AM & FM, 8 track stereo, automatic transmission & door locks, power windows, silver w/red stripes. 18,000 miles. $5200. 843-3083 after 6 pm.

1974 Toyota Corolla. Automatic, 4 door, AM & FM, AC, $2600 or best offer. Call Debi or Warren in Lakeland at 813-858-1611.

380 Suzuki for sale. 1976. Blue, in good condition. $850 or best offer, helmets are included. Call 847-7851, Kissimmee, after 6 pm for more information.

Surfboard by Nichol's of Titusville. Fine shape. $70. Call 277-0821.

Gun-collector's item, Colt Frontier Scout 22 cal., single action, nickle plated, display case and holster. $100 or best offer. 859-4817.

¼ inch wetsuit top w/hi-waist pants. Both have never been used. Men's med.-large. $35. 678-1374 after 7 pm.

5 string banjo. Custom made. Curly maple neck and resonator, bell bronze tone ring. Brilliant sound. 298-3694.

Swimming pool heater. Natural gas, 184,000 BTUH Lochinvar, $100. 628-2389.

Adorable blue eyed Siberian Huskey. 4 months old, female, rare color-copper & white. Very playfull, loves kids. Needs good home. Call Jo or Mike after 5:30 pm at 299-3523. $30. (full blooded)

Refrigerator, Philco model, excellent condition. $100. Call 299-3510.

Registered Appaloosa yearling filly, gentle, loud sorrel and white, Man O'War bloodline. Asking $500. 656-8029 before 3 pm.

Washer-dryer. Sears, large capacity, heavy duty, 2 years old, excellent condition, many features, will sell separately or both for $325. Call 293-0201 or 656-5632.

Tennis racket. Almost new Arthur Ashe Competition II. Cost $75, will sell for $40 firm. Already nylon strung. 299-7890 6-7 am ask for Jim.

Wedding dress for sale. Empire style, size 5/7. Brand new over $300 only asking $100. Includes floor length veil and chaple train. Call Pam at 847-7851, Kissimmee, after 6 pm for more information.

Necchi Sewing machine. Deluxe $195. Cost $408. Only used 3 times. 298-1175-Vinnie.

Queen size water bed w/frame, liner, foam topper $65. 295-8322.

8x12 red short shag; 10x10 multi-colored short shag. $35 each. Kissimmee 847-9126.

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